THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major issues on which the Government of Kerala has not agreed with the provisions of the Government of India Revival Package for the Rural Co-operative Credit Structure are as under:

- Removal of State intervention in all financial and administrative matters of Cooperative Credit Structure (CCS).
- Ban on acceptance of deposits from non-members by cooperatives other than banks.
- Restrictions on Cooperatives other than Cooperatives Banks using the word 'bank', 'banking', 'banker'.
- All regulatory interventions of RBI.
- Fit and proper criteria by RBI for cooperative banks.

The Revival Package is to be implemented in a uniform manner in all States/UTs. Accepting the revival package, twenty-five State Governments have signed the MoU with Government of India and NABARD. This covers more than 96% of the Short Term Cooperative Credit Structure (STCCS) units in the country.

PMRY in Uttarakhand

1240. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loan disbursed by the banks under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) in Uttarakhand since 2008-09 till date, bank-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether any irregularities have been found in disbursement of loans;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) has been merged with Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) with effect from 1st April, 2008 by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and a new scheme, namely, Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been formulated.

PMEGP is monitored by Khadi and Village Industries Commission, (KVIC), Ministry of MSME.

As reported by Reserve Bank of India, bank-wise details of the loan disbursed in Uttarakhand is not available. However, details of loans disbursed by implementing banks under PMRY for the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 in the State of Uttarakhand are as under:

(Amount Rs. In lakh)

Programme Year	Loans Disbursed	
	Number	Amount
2005-06	7584	5349.67
2006-07	7205	5201.36
2007-08	7737	6939.33

New SBI branch at Jangla, Shimla

1241. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is only one branch of UCO Bank at Jangla in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government is also aware that around 20 thousand people reside in nearby areas and they face a lot of difficulties as there is only one bank to cater to their needs;

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to open a new branch of State Bank of India (SBI) in view of the needs of local businessmen and pensioners; and

(d) if so, the time by which the aforesaid branch is likely to be opened at Jangla in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. UCO Bank has reported that it has only one branch in Jangla centre, Shimla District, Himachal Pradesh. As per the 2001 census, Jangla has a population of 1093. Reserve Bank of India has reported that at present 165 branches of commercial banks function in Shimla district.

(c) and (d) Opening of new bank branches is governed by the provisions of Section 23 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Under the extant Branch Authorisation Policy of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), banks are required to submit their Branch Expansion Plans for opening of branches etc., on an annual basis in line with their medium term corporate strategy. RBI while granting approvals ensures that the approvals include centers in rural/under banked districts also and gives weightage to the nature and scope of banking facilities provided by banks to common persons, particularly in under banked areas. A list of underbanked districts has been forwarded to banks to enable them to identify centers for opening branches in such districts.

State Bank of India has reported that it is conducting a survey in the area and if found feasible, the bank will submit a proposal to RBI in this regard.

Use of fund obtained by disinvestment

†1242. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.